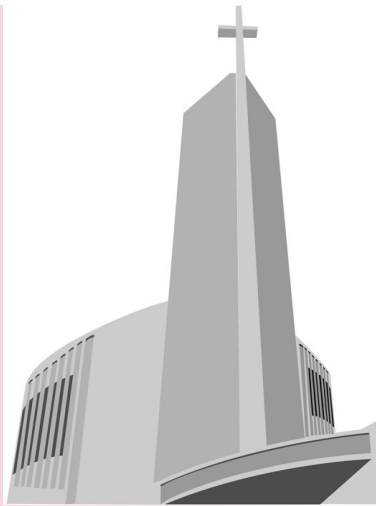


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BULLETIN DEADLINE

Monday at 12:00pm

**NOTE: For holiday bulletins,
submit at least 7 days earlier.**

DEC 12/13, 2020

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday
Sunday

4:00pm Mass
9:00am Mass

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Saturday

By appointment

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The Diocese of Kansas City-St. Joseph is committed to combatting sexual abuse in the Church. If you are a victim of sexual abuse, or if you observe or suspect sexual abuse:

1. Call the Missouri Child Abuse Hotline at 1.800.392.3738 (if the victim is currently under the age of 18), and
2. Contact your local law enforcement agency or call 911, and
3. After reporting to these civil and law enforcement authorities, report suspected *sexual abuse of a minor or vulnerable adult* to the Diocesan Ombudsman, Joe Crayon, at 816.812.2500 or crayon@ombudsmankcsi.org, if the abuse involves a priest, deacon, employee or volunteer of the Diocese of Kansas City-St. Joseph.

The Diocese has a sincere commitment to providing care and healing resources to victims of sexual abuse and their families. Please contact the Victim Advocate, Kathleen Chastain, at 816.392.0011 or chastain@diocesekcsi.org for more information.

3RD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

OUR MISSION

St. Francis Xavier Parish is a Roman Catholic, Jesuit community of faith called together by God to experience Jesus Christ in His Word, in the sacraments of the Church, and in each other. We, as the body of Christ, joined in Baptism and inspired by the grace of the Holy Spirit, enrich our faith through prayer and worship, spiritual formation, intellectual rigor, diversity of membership, hospitality and fellowship, attention to family life, and concern for social justice. Guided by the spirituality of St. Ignatius Loyola, we strive to use our many gifts for the greater glory of God.

◆ “TRULY OUR MOTHER” MARIAN GROUP MEETING AND ROSARY

Sunday, December 13, 2:00pm in honor of Our Lady of Guadalupe. All are welcome. For Meeting ID and password contact Gail Fein (gafein10@gmail.com).

◆ SOUL FOOD TUESDAY: CHRISTMAS FOR GROWN-UPS December 15

11:00am – 12:00 noon and repeated 7:30-8:30pm
Contact Mariann mccormally@sfx-kc.org for Zoom link. Join us for a contemplative reflection on the Scriptures of Christmas (there is more to the story than just donkeys, shepherds, and angels). Let us be like Mary and “keep all these things, treasuring them in our hearts.”

◆ CHRISTMAS BASKETS UPDATE

Thanks to all who have dropped off food and gift cards and sent in money! We are down to the final hours of our collection. We have 91 people signed up to receive a Christmas basket and we are still in need of dry food donations and turkeys.

- Dry food donations are due by December 13. Food items may be dropped off when you come to Mass or anytime during the week.
- Turkeys are due December 17-18 between 6-9am. Please click [HERE](#) to sign up and contact Sue with questions.
- Now you can donate online to the Christmas basket fund by going to <https://sfx-kc.weshareonline.org/> Your donation will be used if to purchase dry goods and turkeys if we don't get enough. *Thank you for your generosity!*

◆ CHRISTMAS EVE FAMILY MASS

Christmas Eve 4:00 Mass will look different this year – that's for sure. But we'll still need greeters, ushers, readers, Eucharistic ministers, etc. Please contact Mariann mccormally@sfx-kc.org if you plan to attend (and don't forget to register for Mass on EventBrite!). We'll be working out the details in the days and weeks to come to keep everyone safe and healthy.

◆ VISITORS, YOU ARE HOME!

Welcome to a great parish community. If you would like to become a part of St. Francis Xavier Parish, please fill out a registration form found on our website, www.sfx-kc.org.

◆ BLUE CHRISTMAS PRAYER SERVICE SATURDAY, DECEMBER 19, 9:00AM.

This year has been filled with tremendous loss. Acknowledging it is a way to allow God to enter in, heal the hurt, and fill your heart with hope. Whether you have lost a loved one, lost precious time doing what you love, are grieving over the events of this year, or feeling alone, join Fr. Jim, Mariann, Sue, and your SFX faith community for a virtual Blue Christmas prayer service. Watch for the link and more details in next week's Constant Contact.

◆ ANTI-RACISM COMMITTEE UPDATE

Our newly-forming Anti-Racism Committee (SFX-ARC) met for the first time this week to discern how to continue our journey toward racial justice. We identified three areas of focus:

- 1) identify racism within ourselves
- 2) strengthen SFX identity as anti-racist
- 3) network with other community efforts, seeking opportunities for meaningful action

Our next virtual meeting is **Monday, December 21 at 5:00pm**. Contact Sue for more information and the Zoom link. All are welcome.

◆ SAVER'S FUNDRAISER

We have several parish projects and expenses that are above and beyond what has been budgeted. A fun, easy way to support your parish, care for the environment, and lighten your load and carbon footprint is to participate in a Saver's Fundraiser! Start going through your closets and setting aside any unwanted, old or worn clothes, towels and bedding. To motivate you, watch these [videos](#) about the environmental impact clothes have on our planet. We'll collect clothes after the new year.

To help with this fundraiser, contact [Sue](#).

OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE PART III BY GAIL FEIN

The tilma emblazoned with the portrait of Our Lady of Guadalupe has been endlessly studied through the years with some amazing findings!

1. The tilma has a silken touch, but was made from burlap-like fibers of a local agave cactus that would never have survived 500 years. It shows no signs of deterioration. It measures 67 x 41 inches. No matter what the surrounding temperature is, the image is always 98.6 degrees.
2. A 16th century painter would not have painted a portrait without doing a sketch first; however, the tilma has no under-drawing.
3. Although it missed being destroyed by fire, it still smells of smoke.
4. In 1778, a worker spilled nitric oxide on a large portion of the fabric, but only a small stain is visible in the upper right-hand corner.
5. In 1979, Dr. Philip Callahan, biophysicist and NASA consultant, specializing in infrared imaging, studied the tilma and found that the "paint" was neither cracked nor flaked. However, later additions like gold leaf and silver plating had turned dark and were deteriorating! He also discovered that at a certain distance, Mary appears to be a Native American, but at a different distance, a woman of European descent which seems to imply the unity of all peoples.
6. A computer overlay of the constellations as they appeared on December 12, 1531, match the background of the tilma!
7. Many ophthalmologists have examined the eyes and acknowledged them anatomically correct. A Peruvian ophthalmologist studied the eyes at 2,500 times magnification. This picture reveals the scene in the bishop's office with thirteen individuals as Juan Diego unties his tilma!
8. The Virgin as presented on the tilma was highly significant to the Aztec people. She is shone as an Aztec princess with a colonial cross on her neckline and an Aztec sash of virginity. She has a flower over her womb and is visibly pregnant with Christ. A form of hieroglyphics used by the Aztecs is found on the tilma. After this apparition, the Aztecs ceased human sacrifice
9. In 2018, Dr. Carlos Fernandez del Castillo, a gynecologist, placed a stethoscope under the black band around Our Lady's waist on the tilma and heard the heart at 115 beats per minute, the same amount of beats as a baby in the womb!
10. At a Mass offered for the unborn on April 24, 2007, after Mexico City legalized abortion, an unusual luminosity appeared on the image over the womb in the shape of an embryo. The pictures of this episode were studied at length by engineer Luis Girault. Mary is the unmistakable witness to the sanctity of all lives and the unborn!



◆ **'TIS THE SEASON TO HELP SFX THROUGH YOUR AMAZON PURCHASES**

If you shop on Amazon, please consider making St. Francis Xavier your designated charity. Go to smile.amazon.com and below the search bar, type in **St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church**. (Make sure you select our church in Kansas City.) Each time you shop, visit **smile.amazon.com** (not just amazon.com). Thank you.

◆ **SHARE YOUR GOOD NEWS!!!**

Do you have any Good News you'd like to share with the parish? If so, send information and pictures to Peggy at pbeavencalia@sfx-kc.org.

Like our new Facebook page!
 You can find us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/SFX.KC



◆ Please remember
 St. Francis Xavier Parish
 when estate planning
 and in your will.



◆ END OF YEAR TAX WRITE OFF/CARS 4KC

This is a perfect opportunity to reflect on the time, talent, and treasure you have shared over the past year. With 2020 quickly coming to a close, you still have an opportunity to make a difference in the lives of those in our communities. One option is a donation to Cars4KC. If you have a vehicle you do not want anymore — in any condition, anywhere in the U.S. — donate it to Cars4KC. You will avoid the hassle of trying to trade, sell or junk it, and you can get a tax deduction that may reduce your tax burden this year. The proceeds benefit valuable Catholic Charities programs and services across the region. Cars4KC is a joint program between Catholic Charities of Kansas City-St. Joseph and Catholic Charities of Northeast Kansas. Together, the two agencies serve about 250,000 people across the region every year. If you would like more information on donating a car, contact Patrick Savageau, Donor Development Specialist, at psavageau@ccharities.com or 816-659-8243.

A ONE-WORD PRAYER

Dear Heavenly Father,
This is my one word prayer: PEACE.
I can't see ahead. I don't know what to do.
Here are all my fears and my questions...
[share yours]
I want to experience your perfect peace.

Let it be with me. Just as you say.
Hold me, God, so I can hear you whisper to me, "You don't have to know the way. I do."
In Jesus' name, Amen
~ Bonnie Gray,
from "[Praying for Perfect Peace When We Can't See How](#)"

MASS INTENTIONS

◆ MASS INTENTIONS DURING THE COVID PANDEMIC

Mass intentions for each month will be said at the KC Jesuit Community. With fewer daily Masses, our ability to say a Mass for a particular person on a specific date is not possible. However, a Mass will be said for the requested intention during the specified month.

DECEMBER MASS INTENTIONS

Lorraine Green Lee †	Pierre "Pete" Guignon †
Jack Coakley †	Toni Mannion †
Carol Harms †	SFX Parishioners

CALENDAR

Monday, December 14

6:00pm Marian Meeting (Zoom)
7:00pm Prayer Service-Our Lady of Guadalupe (Zoom)

Tuesday, December 15

11:00am Soul Food Tuesday (Zoom)
6:30pm Pastoral Council Meeting (Zoom)
7:30pm Soul Food Tuesday (Zoom)

Wednesday, December 16

9:00am Cura Community (Zoom)

Thursday, December 17

9:00am Christmas Basket Distribution

Friday, December 18

9:00am Christmas Basket Distribution

Saturday, December 19

9:00am Blue Christmas Prayer Service

Sunday, December 20

10:30am Children's Liturgy of the Word (Zoom)

MASS READINGS

◆ DECEMBER 14 - DECEMBER 20

MONDAY: Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a/Mt 21:23-27

TUESDAY: Zep 3:1-2, 9-13/Mt 21:28-32

WEDNESDAY: Is 45:6b-8, 18, 21b-25/Lk 7:18b-23

THURSDAY: Gn 49:2, 8-10/Mt 1:1-17

FRIDAY: Jer 23:5-8/Mt 1:18-25

SATURDAY: Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a/Lk 1:5-25

SUNDAY: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16/Rom 16:25-27/Lk 1:26-38

"Remember: you can now give to SFX online at sfx-kc.weshareonline.org.

◆ [CLICK HERE TO JOIN](#)

**SUNDAY, 9:00AM MASS AT SFX,
LIVE-STREAMED ON YOU TUBE.**

**Sunday Mass at 9:00am is live streamed on our
SFX You Tube channel
"St. Francis Xavier – KC".**

**Please also subscribe to our channel.
Your feedback and comments are welcome.**